

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Tanaka et al.

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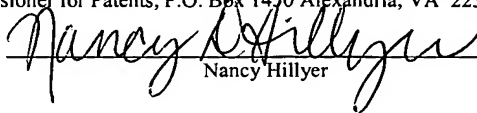
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Title: FLOW CONTROL DEVICE AND  
ADJUSTMENT METHOD OF FLOW CONTROL  
DEVICE

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.